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# DRAFT REPORT OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME MATTERS ON ITS IN-SESSIONAL MEETING HELD DURING THE SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL, 10-14 FEBRUARY 1992

Addendum

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## CHAPTER III. PROGRAMME PLANNING: COUNTRY AND INTERCOUNTRY PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

Democratic People's Republic of Korea

1. The country programme of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, which has an indicative planning figure (IPF) of $24.9 million, including a carry-over of $2.5 million and $0.7 million in cost-sharing, has the following areas of concentration: (a) efficiency and sustainability of agricultural development; (b) energy efficiency; (c) environment and industry; and (d) international economic cooperation.

2. Particularly significant in the country programme are UNDP's role as a major supplier of technical cooperation, concentrating on the six areas of focus of Governing Council decision 90/34; its neutral position manifested by assistance in the disarmament process linked to human development, the first of its kind for UNDP; support in establishing the country's first free economic and trade zone; and the close linkages maintained by the national programme and several regional and subregional programmes, particularly the Tumen River Development programme.



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3. Three delegations made observations on the country programme and endorsed it for approval. One delegation sugested that to avoid ecological degradation, the two programmes identified in the first area of concentration mentioned above might be integrated into one. The same delegation also considered that success in the trade and investment area would require that more room be given to market forces rather than to the strengthening of institutions which channel and process trade and investment information.

Maldives

4. The country programme for the Maldives, which has an IPF and other resources of $8.5 million, has the following areas of concentration: (a) Human resource development for capacity-building; (b) decentralization and integrated development in support of growth with equity; and (c) management for sustainable development.

5. Those parts of the programme that were highlighted related to the country's high dependence on tourism and fisheries, both of which are heavily dependent on external factors, and the corresponding need to strengthen its indigenous economic and human resources base.

6. Two delegations welcomed the orientation of the country programme and felt that it was well focused, particularly regarding capacity-building, management development and environmental and institutional-strengthening. They also stressed the need for further clarification on how the stated goal of greater self-reliance would be achieved and on the need for UNDP to play a greater role in aid coordination and management.

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